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Corps Awards two Contracts for former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site

BUFFALO, NY — The US Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District awarded two contracts with a combined value exceeding \$1.5 million last week to address past Department of Defense (DoD) activities at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Site located in the towns of Lewiston and Porter.

The first contract, for \$1.14 million, was awarded to Earth Resources Technology, Inc. of Annapolis Junction, MD. The scope of work for this contract includes completing a Remedial Investigation of the former LOOW Waste Water Treatment Plant located on property currently owned by the Town of Lewiston. The Remedial Investigation will evaluate the nature and extent of DoD contamination and assess the associated risks to human health and the environment. This contract also includes conducting Feasibility Studies for portions of the former LOOW Site that are currently owned by Waste Management, LLC, and Occidental Chemical Corporation. The Feasibility Studies will use the data collected during all phases of the remedial investigation to identify and evaluate potential remedial response alternatives and cleanup technologies; screen these alternatives based on effectiveness, implementability and cost; and perform a detailed analysis and evaluation of each screened alternative.

The second contract, for \$399,000, was awarded to Environmental Chemical Corporation Bloomfield of Bridgewater, NJ, for the removal of eleven underground storage tanks (USTs). The tanks were used for DoD activities at the former LOOW Site. One UST is located on a parcel owned by the Town of Lewiston and the remaining tanks are on Waste Management, LLC property. The scope of work includes brush clearing to provide access to some of the UST locations, geophysical surveying and trench testing to determine the location, number, and size of the tanks, removal of asphalt or concrete at some UST locations, soil excavation and testing, emptying and cleaning each UST, transport and disposal of waste material, managing groundwater, post excavation sampling, backfilling with clean fill, and restoration of the sites.

The Corps is committed to protecting human health and the environment as it addresses contamination at the former LOOW Site from past DoD activities. All work performed under these contracts will be funded under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites. Work will be performed in accordance with all applicable US Army Regulations and Manuals and all Federal, New York State, and local laws and regulations.

For additional information about the former LOOW Site or to view fact sheets about these contracts, please visit the Buffalo District website at www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/loow-nfss, or contact Ms. Arleen Kreusch, Outreach Program Specialist, at (716) 879-4438 or (800) 833-6390.